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1. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Samuel Archibald and Mr. William Barnaby of House Government Operations Information Subcommittee concerning the Committee questionnaire concerning qualifications of polygraph operators. Mr. Archibald indicated that the Committee desire is simply to acquire answers in uniform format from the 19 answering agencies and if desired, no formal response would be necessary.

2. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a request from Miss Comfort, Assistant to Congressman Ed Foreman (R., Tex.) for unclassified information that she might forward to a high school junior who is writing on the subject of the Central Intelligence Agency. I advised that I would drop it off to her on my next visit to the Hill.

3. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Mr. Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, inquired on the status of our response to Mr. Vinson's letter on the query from Congressman Farberstein on AFME. I reminded him that he and I had talked with the Chairman who had requested that this matter be brought up at the next meeting of the Agency with the Subcommittee. Blandford then recalled that this was so. NE Division was reminded that a report will be expected for our next meeting.

4. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, who stated that Mr. Mahon wanted six copies of the report on the Soviet economy which formed a basis of the column in the NEW YORK TIMES of today by Edwin Dale. I said I would provide these as soon as possible. Mr. Cline was alerted to this as well as Mr. Elder.

Advised Mr. Michaels that the Director would be glad to brief the Mahon Defense Subcommittee on Soviet posture and possibly the time of the 15th is all right although I asked him not to send forward any final word on this until I have confirmed it to him. Mr. Michaels said Mr. Mahon is most anxious to get this one settled.

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3. [] Mr. James Kendall, Staff Director of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, contacted us with regard to a speech made by Secretary of Defense McNamara on 18 November. In this speech McNamara discusses certain aspects of the relative strength of U.S. and Soviet forces. Kendall said in a Subcommittee meeting in December some of the members expressed reservations with respect to these figures and asked the staff to ask CIA to review them for accuracy. I reminded Kendall that the Director will not become involved in comparisons of U.S. versus Soviet military strength. Kendall said he realized this but would like to have our reaction to the Soviet figures used in the speech. Kendall said he realized that this was a touchy question but asked if we would look into it and be in touch with him. I told him we would do so.

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6. [] Talked with Robert Michaels who indicated Mr. Mahon was attempting to firm up plans for briefings of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations. Mahon was hoping the Director would be available on the 15th of January to give a briefing on the Soviet military posture. As in the past, at least one full day is contemplated and generally it will run into the second day. As a matter of information it was pointed out that the McNamara/Taylor briefings of this Subcommittee will not occur for about a month. The Director would be the lead-off witness for the Subcommittee. I indicated I would check into this and advise.

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7. [] Advised Marian Czarnecki that the Director did not feel it would be appropriate for him to appear before the Fascell Subcommittee as requested by Czarnecki. I indicated to Czarnecki some of the reasons for this and by way of help indicated that if Mr. Fascell felt it necessary we would be glad to discuss with Fascell privately the specific procedures for coordination in this general area. Czarnecki thanked me and said he would talk further with Fascell and be in touch.

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